DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

AND

CONTEMPLATIONS,

EXTRACTED ALTOGETHER FROM

THE BOOK OF PSALMS;

AND SUITED TO

ALL CLASSES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF MANKIND;

IN FOUR PARTS.

I. CONFESSION OF SINS; AND SUPPLICATION TO A MERCIFUL GOD AND SAVIOUR, FOR PARDON, AND RESTRAINING GRACE.

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TO THE

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD,

LEWIS,

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH,

THIS

SCRIPTURAL MIRROR OF DEVOTION,

REFLECTING

HIS LORDSHIP's PURE FAITH AS A CHRISTIAN,

AND

UNAFFECTED PRACTICE AS A GOOD MAN,

IS,

WITH SINCERE VENERATION,

INSCRIBED BY

THE AUTHOR.

ADDRESS

TO

THE READER.

PERSONS ſeriouſly and piouſly diſpoſed, are not always the moſt diſcreet; and hence too frequently become the dupes of craft, or enthuſiaſm. It appears indeed that there is no point in which a religious and good man wants more aſſiſtance, than in the conduct of his Devotional Exerciſes. This ſeems to have generally been underſtood; and will account for the multitude of books, publiſhed with that view. But unfortu-

nately there is almoſt as much danger in the uſe of thoſe books themſelves, as they mean to prevent. For this reaſon it has long been thought by the moſt prudent and pious judges, that the beſt help to devotion is to be derived from the Scripture itſelf: and for that purpoſe the Book of Pſalms offers itſelf firſt to our notice.—The compaſs and importance of that Book in this reſpect cannot be better expreſſed, than in the following words of the ſage Hooker (Eccleſ. Pol. book v. ſect. 37.) 'All good neceſſary to be 'known, or done, or had, this one 'celeſtial fountain yieldeth. Let 'there be any grief, or diſeaſe inci-'dent to the ſoul of man, any wound 'or ſickneſs named, for which there 'is not in this treaſure-houſe a pre-

'ſent comfortable remedy, at all times 'ready to be found.'

The Book of Pſalms is a collection of Odes and Hymns written by inſpired authors, beginning with Moſes, and continued till the end of the Babyloniſh Captivity; referring to the various circumſtances of the Jewiſh nation, during that long period: and interſperſed with important Prophecies, relating to the Meſſiah, and the eſtabliſhment of his Kingdom, which was to compriſe all the nations upon earth. The bulk of them however are the work of David, and to be explained by the fluctuating hiſtory of his life.—'To extract from a Compila-'tion of this ſort, thoſe materials and 'expreſſions, which may be of uſe to 'govern the devotions of men under

' all circumſtances, and in all times, is ' the object of this publication.'

The idea of arranging the whole Book of Pſalms under particular heads for private uſe, has long ago been attempted; and probably executed differently by different authors: but all have concurred in keeping each Pſalm *whole* and *entire*. Yet ſometimes there may be found in the compaſs of the ſame Pſalm, paſſages Petitionary, Euchariſtic, Penitential, Conſolatory. Here then it is that the preſent plan takes place. Inſtead of referring each entire Pſalm to its particular head, under each head, adopted in this plan, the author has ſelected all the particular paſſages from the *whole* Book of Pſalms, which he conceived to belong to that head. To do that cor-

rectly, ſo as not to depart from the proper ſenſe of the paſſage, could not fail of being attended with great difficulty; and required the moſt attentive caution and diſcernment.—There is nothing, it may be obſerved, ſo fallacious, as quoting and applying partial expreſſions, without paying particular regard to the ſenſe they bear, in their original ſituations. This is the caſe with regard to all authors: but where the word of God is concerned, it muſt certainly be of ſerious importance. A reverence is due *there*, which ought to prevent all trifling; and mere accommodation to a purpoſe. The word of God ſhould never be applied, but in its own proper ſenſe. By not ſufficiently attending to this, very falſe interpretations of Scripture have

been ſanctioned: it has proved an unhappy ſource of the many hereſies and animoſities, which have diſturbed and divided the Chriſtian Church. Aware of that dangerous rock, the author of this Selection, has uſed his beſt care and endeavours to keep clear of it.

If the Book of Pſalms, beſides its native value, was, according to the opinion of a Prelate * of high authority, (becauſe "mighty in the Scriptures,") the Manual of the Son of God, while he was upon earth; in that view of it, as a treaſure of devotional help, it muſt ſurely be ineſtimable.

But whatever ſuccour or conſolation, He might draw from thoſe pure and refreſhing waters of the Sanctuary al-

* Biſhop Horne.

ready flowing, " who in the days of " his fleſh offered up ſupplications and " prayers, with ſtrong crying and " tears; though he was holy, harm- " leſs, undefiled, and ſeparate from " ſinners;" it is not to be imagined, that any one of his diſciples can have read the Pſalms attentively, without finding them forcible appeals to his own erring, if not ſinful heart; either to melt it into *Penitential* ſorrow; or to ſoothe its *Trouble*, or to re-ſettle its *Faith*; or laſtly, to elevate his *Adoring* and *Thankful* ſoul to holy Rapture.—He muſt be ſenſible, that, from the body of that divine Collection, are to be extracted ſpiritual life, health, ſtrength, comfort, and joy.

The only thing a pious mind probably regrets, is the frequent return of

Cuſtoms referring to the Jewiſh nation at large, or to perſonal and ſpecial circumſtances of King David in particular.

To ſeparate therefore ſuch paſſages of the Pſalms as might prove uſeful to every ſuppliant, and as far as it was practicable, to reduce them to proper heads, and harmonize them as connected ſubjects, is the aim of this devout Companion. Uniting detached paſſages of different Pſalms, and with a ſtill nicer hand, to knit together members of verſes compoſed of different matter, ſo as to give the whole a regular appearance and meaning; and thereby to " gather up the" very " fragments" of that part " of the " bread of life, that nothing might be " loſt," proved to be a tedious and

perplexing taſk: and while with extreme diffidence it is ſubmitted to the reader, may plead, it is to be hoped, for the ſeeming irregularities of the Index. In every other point, the author has adhered to the letter of the text: and he truſts that every one who enters into the ſpirit of Eaſtern Poetry, which though ſometimes majeſtically flowing, is at others abrupt and bold, will find the model of it here before him, thus "compacted "by that which every joint ſupplieth," not altogether deſtitute of ſymmetry; nor ill accommodated to the beſt of all uſes it is humbly deſigned to anſwer.

The cxixth Pſalm abounding with "line upon line, and precept upon "precept" of the like religious im-

port, and yet an ample ſtorehouſe of edification and comfort to the pious ſoul, the more appoſite paſſages culled from it, have been diſtributed among the Sections throughout, chiefly the 4th Part: where, it was preſumed, the ſublime and auguſt expreſſions of tranſporting Devotion, ſhould be cloſed, and the ſoul becalmed with modeſt affiance, and ſubmiſſive prayer.

The entire Pſalms (being only ſix in number) are added at the end, for the ſake and convenience of thoſe, who may be inclined to uſe one or other of them occaſionally, with this Selection. The four laſt verſes of the xcvth Pſalm, and an equal number of the cxxxixth, viz. from the 19th to the 23d, are left out, as not being ſuited to this plan.

The figures before each paſſage refer to the Pſalms in the Index, whence they were taken.

And now may the expectations of the Reader, in the reaſonable and moderate character of the pious and candid reader, be ſatisfied with the aſſiſtance and benefit thus anxiouſly provided for him, in his religious retirement!

May it appear in that awful day, when "every one ſhall give an account of himſelf to God," that this precious portion of "the "Bread from Heaven, which nouriſheth unto life eternal," was not gathered up, and preſented with unhallowed hands; nor received within

unprofitable, much leſs ſcornful lips! —And may the bleſſing of the Great Father of all the families of the earth, deſcend, and proſper every ſincere endeavour to promote his Glory; and the ſtudies of Piety, and a Holy Life!

INTRODUCTION.

THE firſt Pſalm is here ſet down entire at the head of the Sections, by way of Introduction; as containing heavenly encouragement to all thoſe who exerciſe themſelves and meditate upon the Law of the Lord: and is moreover an awful warning to ſcornful and hardened ſinners.

BLESSED is the man, that hath not walked in the counſel of the ungodly, nor ſtood in the way of ſinners; and hath not ſat in the ſeat of the ſcornful:—But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exerciſe himſelf day and night.—And he ſhall be like a tree planted by the water-ſide, that will bring forth his fruit in due ſeaſon.—His leaf alſo ſhall not wither; and look, whatſoever he doeth, it ſhall proſper.—As for the ungodly, it is not ſo with them; but they are like the chaff, which the wind ſcattereth

away from the face of the earth. —Therefore the ungodly ſhall not be able to ſtand in the judgment; neither the ſinners in the congregation of the righteous.— But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly ſhall periſh.

PART I.

CONFESSION OF SINS, &c.

GENERAL PREPARATION.

(1) PONDER MY WORDS O LORD, CONSIDER MY MEDITATION.—(2) O HEARKEN THOU UNTO THE VOICE OF MY CALLING MY KING AND MY GOD; FOR UNTO THEE WILL I MAKE MY PRAYER.

SECTION I.

(3) BLESSED are thoſe who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the Law of the Lord.—Bleſſed are they that keep his teſtimonies, and ſeek him with their whole heart:—for they who do no wickedneſs, walk in his ways.—Thou haſt

charged that we ſhould diligently keep thy commandments:—(4) For thou art the God that haſt no pleaſure in wickedneſs; neither ſhall any evil dwell with thee.—Such as be fooliſh ſhall not ſtand in thy ſight; for thou hateſt all them that work vanity.—(5) Thou haſt ſet our miſdeeds before thee, and our ſecret ſins in the light of thy countenance:—(6) For the righteous Lord trieth the very heart and reins.

(7) O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chaſten me in thy heavy diſpleaſure.—

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak.—(8) My confuſion is daily before me; and the ſhame of my face hath covered me.—(9) Turn thee O Lord, and deliver my ſoul: O ſave me for thy mercy's ſake.—(10) Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my ſoul for I have ſinned againſt thee:—(11) For I will confeſs my wickedneſs, and be ſorry for my ſin.—(12) Hearken unto me for thy truth, and righteouſneſs ſake;—and enter not into judgment with thy ſervant, for in thy ſight ſhall no man living be juſtified.—(13) I will come into

thine houſe, even upon the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worſhip toward thy holy temple.—(14) O let me have underſtanding in the way of godlineſs.—(15) Make thou thy ſervant to delight in that which is good.—(16) I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou haſt ſet my heart at liberty.

SECTION II.

(17) UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord; think no ſcorn of me.—Hear the voice of my humble petition, when I hold

up my hands towards the mercy-ſeat of thy holy temple.—O pluck me not away, neither deſtroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers.—(18) Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindneſſes, which have been ever of old.—Oh! remember not the ſins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy great goodneſs.—(19) Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am deſolate and in miſery.—(20) Thy wrathful diſpleaſure goeth over me, and the fear of

thee hath undone me.—(21) Hide not thy face from me, nor caſt thy ſervant away in diſpleaſure.—(22) Leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my ſalvation.—(23) Take away the rebuke I am afraid of:—draw nigh unto my ſoul; and ſave it.—(24) I ſhould utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to ſee the goodneſs of the Lord:—(25) For I remembered thine everlaſting Covenant, O Lord, and received comfort.—(26) Deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name; for ſweet is thy mercy.

SECTION III.

(27) HEAR my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.—(28) When my ſpirit is in heavineſs, I will think upon God.—(29) I will acknowledge my ſin unto thee; and mine unrighteouſneſs have I not hid.—(30) Thou haſt known my reproof; my ſhame, and my diſhonour.—(31) My fleſh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgments.—(32) My ſoul is full of trouble, and my life draweth nigh unto hell.—(33) But my hope hath been

in thee, O Lord, thou art my God.—(34) The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will ſave ſuch as are of an humble ſpirit.—(35) Bleſſed is he whoſe unrighteouſneſs is forgiven, and whoſe ſin is covered.—Bleſſed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth no ſin; and in whoſe ſpirit there is no guile.—(36) In the Lord's word will I comfort me:—(37) For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleaſure is life.—(38) Like as the hart deſireth the water-brooks, ſo longeth my ſoul after thee O

God.—My ſoul is athirſt for God, yea even for the living God.—(39) I look for the Lord; my ſoul doth wait for him; in his word is my truſt.—My ſoul fleeth unto the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous Redemption.—(40) Be not thou far from me—haſte thee to help me, O Lord God of my ſalvation.

SECTION IV.

(41) PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord in thine anger, neither chaſten me in thy heavy diſpleaſure:—for thine ar-

rows ſtick faſt in me, and thine hand preſſeth me ſore.—There is no health in my fleſh becauſe of thy diſpleaſure; neither is there any reſt in my bones by reaſon of my ſin:—for my wickedneſſes are gone over my head, and are like a ſore burden too heavy for me to bear.—(42) My ſins have taken ſuch hold upon me, that I am not able to look up:—therefore my heart within me is deſolate.—(43) I ſtretch forth my hands unto thee: my ſoul gaſpeth unto thee as a thirſty land.—(44) I am brought into ſo great trouble and miſery, that I

go mourning all the day long.—(45) Lord, thou knoweſt all my deſire, and my groaning is not hid from thee.—(46) Hear my prayer, O Lord, and conſider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears: O ſpare me.

(47) And now Lord what is my hope! Truly my hope is even in thee:—deliver me from all mine offences.—(48) Shew the light of thy countenance, and ſave me for thy mercy's ſake.—(49) Forſake me not, O Lord my God; be not thou far from me.—(50) Thou art my Helper and

Redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

SECTION V.

(51) HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodneſs; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.—Waſh me throughly from my wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my ſin:—for I acknowledge my faults, and my ſin is ever before me.—Againſt thee only have I ſinned, and done evil in thy ſight, that thou mighteſt be juſtified in thy ſaying; and

clear when thou art judged.—Behold I was ſhapen in wickedneſs, and in ſin hath my mother conceived me:—but lo! thou requireſt truth in the inward parts.—Turn thy face from my ſins, and put out all my miſdeeds.—Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within me.—Waſh me and I ſhall be whiter than ſnow.—O give me the comfort of thy help.—For thou deſireſt no ſacrifice: thou delighteſt not in burnt-offerings.—The ſacrifices of God are a broken ſpirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou ſhalt

not deſpiſe.—(52) Mine eyes look unto thee O Lord God, O caſt not out my ſoul.—(53) My God, my God look upon me:—heal my ſoul, for I have ſinned againſt thee.—(54) Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; let thy loving-kindneſs and thy truth always preſerve me.—(55) If I incline unto wickedneſs in mine heart, the Lord will not hear me.—(56) Cauſe thou me to make much of thy law. Order my ſteps in thy word, and ſo ſhall no wickedneſs have dominion over me.

SECTION VI.

(57) HEAR my prayer, O God, and hide not thyſelf from my petition.—(58) My heart is diſquieted within me:—fearfulneſs and trembling are come upon me; and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.—(59) My miſdeeds prevail againſt me.—(60) Thou, even thou art to be feared; and who may ſtand in thy ſight, when thou art angry.—(61) For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the ſame.—

As for the dregs thereof, all the ungodly of the earth ſhall drink them, and ſuck them out. —(62) He ſhall rain ſnares, fire and brimſtone, ſtorm and tempeſt; this ſhall be their portion to drink: —(63) and all the workers of wickedneſs ſhall be deſtroyed.— (64) O let the ſorrowful ſighing of the priſoners come before thee.—(65) Bring my ſoul out of priſon, that I may give thanks unto thy name; which thing, if thou wilt grant me, then ſhall the righteous reſort unto my company.—(66) If thou Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done

amiſs, O Lord, who may abide it!—(67) O deliver me, for I am helpleſs, and my heart is wounded within me.—(68) Give ear Lord unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble deſires:—(69) for thou, O Lord God, art full of compaſſion; long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſs and truth.—(70) Turn thee then, and have mercy upon me.—(71) Shew thy marvellous loving-kindneſs, thou that art the Saviour.—(72) I have gone aſtray like a ſheep that is loſt; O ſeek thy ſervant!—(73) O that my

ways were made ſo direct, that I might keep thy ſtatutes!

PART II.

PETITIONS, &c. UNDER TROUBLE.

PREPARATION.

(1) CALL UPON ME IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE, SO WILL I HEAR THEE, AND THOU SHALT PRAISE ME.

SECTION I.

(2) O THOU that heareſt prayer, unto thee ſhall all fleſh come.—(3) In my trouble, I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God:—(4) O when wilt thou comfort me.—(5) How long wilt

thou forget me O Lord; forever? how long wilt thou hide thyſelf from me?—How long ſhall I ſeek counſel in my ſoul?—(6) When I made haſte, I ſaid, I am caſt out of the ſight of thine eyes.—(7) In my proſperity I ſaid, I ſhall never be moved; thou Lord of thy goodneſs hadſt made my hill ſo ſtrong.—Thou didſt turn thy face from me, and I was troubled.—(8) Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou my helper:—(9) and for thy righteouſneſs ſake, bring my ſoul out of trouble.—(10) My heart hath talked

of thee; ſeek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I ſeek.—(11) Hide not thy face from me in the time of trouble, O hear me and that right ſoon.—(12) I laid me down and ſlept and roſe up again, for the Lord ſuſtained me.—(13) Turn again then unto thy reſt, O my ſoul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.—And why? thou haſt delivered mine eyes from tears.—(14) Thou haſt given me the defence of thy ſalvation; thy right hand alſo ſhall hold me up, and thy loving correction ſhall make me great.—(15) Wherefore my heart was glad: my fleſh alſo

ſhall reſt in hope:—for why? Thou ſhalt ſhew me the path of life; in thy preſence is the fulneſs of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleaſure for evermore.

SECTION II.

(16) O LORD God of my ſalvation, I have cried day and night before thee.—(17) Bow down thine ear and hear me, for I am in miſery.—(18) Take heed unto me how I mourn.—(19) O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to de-

liver me.—(20) Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my ſoul truſteth in thee.—(21) Be thou help in trouble, for vain is the help of man.

(22) The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and ſaveth him.—(23) Great are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of all.—(24) Becauſe thou haſt been my helper, therefore—(25) will I praiſe thee, and thy faithfulneſs, O God.—(26) I will go into thine houſe, and pay thee my vows, which I promiſed when I was in trouble.—(27) I will worſhip toward

thy holy temple, and praiſe thy name, becauſe of thy loving-kindneſs and truth; for thou haſt magnified thy name and thy truth above all things.—(28) When I called upon thee, thou heardeſt me; and enduedſt my ſoul with much ſtrength.—(29) I know O Lord that thou of very faithfulneſs haſt cauſed me to be troubled.—(30) Praiſed be God, who hath not caſt out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

SECTION III.

(31) UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the heavens!—(32) Save me O God, for the waters are come in, even unto my ſoul.—(33) Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord hear my voice:—(34) The ſorrows of my heart are enlarged, O bring thou me out of my troubles.—(35) Hear me, O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercy, even in the truth of thy ſalvation.—(36) Conſider my complaint, for I am brought very low.—(37) Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble;

haſte thee and hear me.—(38) O let me be delivered, for thy loving-kindneſs is comfortable. —(39) Comfort the ſoul of thy ſervant, for unto thee O Lord, do I lift up my ſoul.—(40) Right dear in the ſight of the Lord is the death of his ſaints.—(41) In the multitude of the ſorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreſhed my ſoul.

(42) God is our hope and ſtrength; a very preſent help in trouble: —therefore will we not fear.— (43) Thou turneſt man to deſtruction: again, thou ſayeſt, Come again ye children of men —

(44) And they that know thy name will put their truſt in thee; for thou, Lord, haſt never failed them that ſeek thee.—(45) O what great troubles and adverſities haſt thou ſhewn me, and yet didſt thou turn and refreſh me; and comforted me on every ſide.—(46) An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praiſe thy name O Lord, becauſe it is ſo comfortable; for thou haſt delivered me out of all my trouble.—(47) The Lord is my ſtrength and my ſhield; my heart hath truſted in him, and I am helped: therefore will I praiſe him.

SECTION IV.

(48) I WILL cry unto God with my voice, even unto God will I cry.—(49) I commune with mine own heart, and ſearch out my ſpirits.—Will the Lord abſent himſelf for ever, and will he be no more entreated?—Hath God forgotten to be gracious, and will he ſhut up his loving-kindneſs in diſpleaſure?— Is his mercy clean gone for ever, and his righteouſneſs come utterly to an end for evermore.—(50) Shall thy loving-kindneſs be ſhewed in the grave, or thy faithfulneſs in deſtruction? Shall thy wondrous

works be known in the dark; and thy righteouſneſs in the land where all things are forgotten? —Doſt thou ſhew wonders among the dead; or ſhall the dead riſe up again and praiſe thee?—(51) Why ſtandeſt thou ſo far off O Lord;—(52) why abhorreſt thou my ſoul, and hideſt thou thy face from me?—(53) In the time of my trouble my ſoul refuſed comfort.—(54) And I ſaid, it is mine own infirmity.

(55) Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I deſire in compariſon of thee.—(56) Thou art

the helper of the friendleſs;—the father of the fatherleſs; and defendeſt the cauſe of the widows; even God in his holy habitation.—(57) Bleſſed is the man whom thou chaſteneſt, O Lord, and teacheſt him in thy law; that thou mayeſt give him patience in time of adverſity.—(58) Though he fall, he ſhall not be caſt away; for the Lord upholdeth him.—(59) The Lord my God ſhall make my darkneſs to be light.—(60) They that ſow in tears, ſhall reap in joy.—He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good ſeed, ſhall doubt-

leſs come again with joy, and bring his ſheaves with him.

SECTION V.

(61) UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwelleſt in the heavens.—(62) Among the gods, there is none like unto thee O Lord; there is not one that can do as thou doeſt.—(63) The days of man are but as graſs; for he flouriſheth as a flower of the field.—For as ſoon as the wind paſſeth over it it is gone, and the place thereof ſhall know it no more.—(64) In

the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.—(65) For man walketh in a vain ſhadow, and diſquieteth himſelf in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who ſhall gather them:—and verily every man living is altogether vanity.—(66) We bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.—(67) Our bones lie ſcattered before the pit, like as when men breaketh, and heweth wood upon the earth.—(68) No man may deliver his brother, nor make agreement unto God for

him :—for he ſeeth that wiſe men alſo die, as well as the ignorant and fooliſh.—(69) The days of our age are threeſcore years and ten, and though men be ſo ſtrong that they come to fourſcore years, yet is their ſtrength then but labour and ſorrow, ſo ſoon paſſeth it away and we are gone.—(70) So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wiſdom.

(71) Why art thou ſo heavy, O my ſoul, and why art thou ſo diſquieted within me?—(72) O tarry thou the Lord's leiſure, be ſtrong, and he ſhall comfort

thine heart; and put thou thy truſt in the Lord.—(73) I know O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of very faithfulneſs haſt cauſed me to be troubled.—O think upon thy ſervant as concerning thy word, wherein thou haſt cauſed me to put my truſt.—The ſame is my comfort in my trouble.—It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn thy ſtatutes. —(74) I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou haſt conſidered my trouble, and haſt known my ſoul in adverſities.—(75) The merciful goodneſs of the

Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him, and his righteouſneſs upon childrens children:—Even upon ſuch as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

PART III.

CONSOLATORY REFLECTIONS, &c.

PREPARATION.

THOU ART MY DEFENCE AND SHIELD, AND MY TRUST IS IN THY WORD.

SECTION I.

(1) O GOD, thou art my God; early will I ſeek thee.—Thus have I looked for thee in

Holineſs, that I might behold thy power and glory.—For thy loving-kindneſs is better than the life:—(2) and they that know thy Name will put their truſt in thee; for thou, Lord, haſt never failed them that ſeek thee.—(3) The way of God is an undefiled way; he is the defender of all that truſt in him.—For who is God, but the Lord, or who hath any ſtrength except our God?—(4) From the habitation of his holineſs he conſidereth all them that dwell in the earth.—He faſhioneth all the hearts of them, and underſtand-

eth all their works.—(5) Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them that put their truſt in his mercy:—(6) for the Lord loveth the thing that is right; he forſaketh not his that be godly, but they are preſerved for ever.—(7) The Lord ordereth a good man's going, and maketh his way acceptable unto himſelf.—(8) O how plentiful is thy goodneſs which thou haſt laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou haſt prepared for them that love thee!—(9) And let all thoſe that put their truſt in thee re-

joice; they ſhall ever be giving of thanks becauſe thou defendeſt them: they that love thy name will be joyful in thee:—for thou, Lord, wilt give thy bleſſing unto the righteous; and with thy favourable kindneſs wilt thou defend him as with a ſhield.

SECTION II.

(10) I WILL love thee, O Lord my ſtrength: the Lord is my ſtony rock and my defence; my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will truſt; my buckler, the horn alſo of my ſalvation, and my refuge.—(11) The

Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.—He ſhall feed me in a green paſture, and lead me forth beſide the waters of comfort.—He ſhall convert my ſoul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteouſneſs for his Name's ſake.—Yea, though I walk through the valley of the ſhadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me.—(12) Into thy hands I commend my ſpirit, for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

(13) Thy word is true from everlaſting:—(14) I will praiſe God

becauſe of his word; I have put my truſt in God, and will not fear what man can do unto me. —(15) Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me, for thou art the God of my ſalvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.—(16) Lord I have loved the habitation of thy houſe; and the place where thine honour dwelleth.—(17) O taſte and ſee how gracious the Lord is; bleſſed is the man that truſteth in thee.—(18) Great plagues remain for the ungodly, but whoſo putteth his truſt in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every ſide.

SECTION III.

(19) UNTO thee O Lord, will I lift up my ſoul; my God I have put my truſt in thee.—(20) They who ſeek the Lord, ſhall want no manner of thing that is good.—(21) The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them, and delivereth them. —(22) The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will ſave ſuch as be of an humble ſpirit.—(23) Bleſſed is the man, whoſe ſtrength is in thee; in whoſe heart are thy ways.— (24) Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him; and

put their truſt in his mercy.—(25) Bleſſed is the man that feareth the Lord; he hath great delight in his commandments.—(26) Who ſhall aſcend into the hill of the Lord; or who ſhall riſe up in his holy place?—Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, and hath not lift up his mind unto vanity; nor ſworn to deceive his neighbour.—He ſhall receive the bleſſing from the Lord, and righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation.—(27) Bleſſed is the man whom thou chooſeſt and receiveſt unto thee; he ſhall dwell in thy courts and

ſhall be ſatisfied with the plenteouſneſs of thy houſe, even of thy holy temple.—(28) Our ſoul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; for he is our Hope, and our ſhield.—Our heart ſhall rejoice in him, becauſe we have hoped in his holy Name.—Let thy merciful kindneſs O Lord, be upon us, like as we do put our truſt in thee.

SECTION IV.

(29) THE Lord liveth, and bleſſed be my ſtrong Helper, and praiſed be the God of

my ſalvation.—(30) O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works that thou haſt done, like as be alſo thy thoughts which are to us-ward.—(31) For look how high the heaven is in compariſon of the earth; ſo great is his mercy toward them that fear him.—Look how wide alſo the eaſt is from the weſt; ſo far hath he ſet our ſins from us.—Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, even ſo is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him:—for he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but duſt.—(32) And my ſoul,

be joyful in the Lord; rejoice in his ſalvation.—(33) O caſt thy burden upon the Lord, and he ſhall nouriſh thee!—(34) Put thou thy Truſt in the Lord, and be doing good.—Delight thou in the Lord, and he ſhall give thee thy heart's deſire.—Commit thy ways unto the Lord, and abide patiently upon him.—(35) Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; for that ſhall bring a man peace at the laſt.—(36) For the Lord loveth the thing that is right; he forſaketh not his that be godly, but they are preſerved for ever.—(37) And the Lord ſhall

ſtand by them, and ſave them; he ſhall deliver them, and ſhall ſave them, becauſe they put their truſt in him.

SECTION V.

(38) MY ſoul truly waiteth ſtill upon God, for of him cometh my help.—He verily is my ſtrength and my ſalvation, he is my defence, ſo that I ſhall not greatly fall.—In God is my health, the rock of my might; and in God is my truſt.—O put your truſt in him alway ye people, pour out your hearts before him;

for God is our hope.—(39) As for the children of men they are but vanity, the children of men are deceitful upon the weights; they are altogether lighter than vanity itſelf.—(40) Let all thoſe that ſeek thee, be joyful and glad in thee; and let all thoſe that love thy ſalvation ſay alway, the Lord be praiſed.—(41) Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth; and of them that remain in the broad ſea.—(42) How excellent is thy mercy O God; and the children of men ſhall put their truſt under the ſhadow of thy wings.—(43) For the Lord

God is a light and defence; the Lord will give Grace, and no good thing ſhall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.—(44) They ſhall be ſatisfied with the plenteouſneſs of thine houſe; and thou ſhalt give them drink of thy pleaſures as out of the river:—for with thee is the well of life.—(45) O Lord God of Hoſts, bleſſed is the man that putteth his truſt in thee.

SECTION VI.

(46) THE Lord is my light and my Salvation, whom then ſhall I fear? the Lord is the

Strength of my life, of whom then ſhall I be afraid?—(47) For thou O Lord God art my Hope,—even from my youth:—through thee have I been holden up ever ſince I was born.—(48) My truſt is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.—(49) O my ſoul thou haſt ſaid unto the Lord, thou art my God.—(50) He ſhall defend thee under his wings: his faithfulneſs and truth ſhall be thy ſhield and buckler.—Thou ſhalt not be afraid for any terror by night; for the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſs, nor for the ſickneſs that deſtroyeth in the

noon-day.—There ſhall no evil happen unto thee; neither ſhall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.—A thouſand ſhall fall beſide thee, and ten thouſand at thy right hand; but it ſhall not come nigh thee.—(51) For thou Lord art my hope, thou haſt ſet thine houſe of defence very high.—(52) Be glad O ye righteous and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.—(53) The Lord delivereth the ſouls of his ſervants; and all they that put their Truſt in him ſhall not be deſtitute.

SECTION VII.

(54) THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the compaſs of the world, and they that dwell therein:—for he hath founded it upon the ſeas and prepared it upon the floods. —(55) They that put their Truſt in the Lord, ſhall be even as the mount Sion, which may not be removed, but ſtandeth faſt for ever.—(56) It is better to truſt in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man.—(57) Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.—It is but loſt labour to riſe up early, and

ſo late take reſt, and eat the bread of carefulneſs.—(58) Hold thou me up, and I ſhall be ſafe.—(59) Mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God; in thee is my truſt, O caſt not out my ſoul.—(60) O let me hear thy loving-kindneſs betimes in the morning, for in thee is my truſt; ſhew thou me the way that I ſhould walk in; for I lift up my ſoul unto thee:—(61) for thou Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee;—(62) yea all ſuch as call faithfully.—(63) Heavineſs may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

SECTION VIII.

(64) BLESSED be the Lord my Strength:—my Hope and my fortreſs, my caſtle and deliverer; my defender in whom I truſt.—Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him, or the ſon of man, that thou ſo regardeſt him!—Man is like a thing of nought; his time paſſeth away like a ſhadow:—(65) for when the breath of man goeth forth, he ſhall turn again to his earth:—(66) but thou art the ſame, and thy years ſhall not fail:—(67) thou art from everlaſting.—(68) My Hope hath been in thee O Lord:

my time is in thy hand.—(69) Bleſſed is he whoſe Hope is in the Lord his God; who made heaven and earth, the ſea and all that therein is; who keepeth his promiſe for ever:—who helpeth them to right that ſuffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.—The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth for the righteous—The Lord careth for the ſtranger; he defendeth the fatherleſs and widow.—(70) O put your Truſt in him all ye people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our Hope:—(71) Ye that fear the Lord, put your

truſt in the Lord; he is their helper and defender:—(72) for verily there is a reward for the righteous: doubtleſs there is a God that judgeth the earth.

PART IV.

LOFTY SENTIMENTS, &c.

PREPARATION.

(1) SERVE THE LORD IN FEAR; AND REJOICE UNTO HIM WITH REVERENCE.

SECTION I.

(2) PRAISE the Lord O my ſoul, and all that is within me praiſe his holy Name.—(3) Praiſe the Lord O my ſoul;

and forget not all his benefits.—(4) By the word of the Lord were the Heavens made; and all the hoſt of them by the breath of his mouth.—(5) Let all the Earth ſtand in awe of him; for he ſpake the word, and it was made; he commanded, and it ſtood faſt.—He gathereth the waters of the Sea together, as it were upon an heap, and layeth up the deep as in a treaſure houſe:—(6) For the Word of the Lord is true; and all his works are faithful.—He loveth righteouſneſs and judgment; the earth is full of the

goodneſs of the Lord.—(7) Thy righteouſneſs O God is very high, and great things are they that thou haſt done; O God, who is like unto thee?—(8) Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens; and thy faithfulneſs unto the clouds.—(9) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the juſt to be thankful:—(10) for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous; and his ears are open unto their prayers.—(11) Bleſſed are the people that can rejoice in thee; they ſhall walk in the light of thy countenance.—Their delight

ſhall be daily in thy name; and in thy righteouſneſs ſhall they make their boaſt.—(12) If we have forgotten the name of our God, and holden up our hands to any ſtrange god, ſhall not God ſearch it out? for he knoweth the very ſecrets of the heart.

(13) Thy hands have made me and faſhioned me; O give me underſtanding, that I may learn thy commandments!—Make me to underſtand the way of thy commandments, and ſo ſhall I talk of thy wondrous works.

SECTION II.

(14) BEFORE the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made; thou art God from everlaſting, and world without end.—(15) Set up thyſelf, O God, above the heavens; and thy Glory above all the earth.—(16) O God, according to thy Name ſo is thy praiſe unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteouſneſs.—(17) Thou art gone up on high; thou haſt led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, yea even for the rebellious; that the Lord God might

dwell among them.—Praiſed be the Lord daily, even the God that helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us:—he is our God, of whom cometh ſalvation.

(18) Offer unto God thankſgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Moſt Higheſt.—(19) Lord, who ſhall dwell in thy tabernacle; or who ſhall reſt upon thy holy hill?—Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing that is right, and ſpeaketh the truth from his heart.—He that hath uſed no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not ſlandered his neigh-

bour.—He that ſetteth not by himſelf, but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.—He that ſweareth unto his neighbour, and diſappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance.—He that hath not given his money upon uſury, nor taken reward againſt the innocent:—Whoſo doeth theſe things ſhall never fall.—(20) Thy way O God is holy, who is ſo great a God as our God.—(21) Open thou mine eyes, that I may ſee the wondrous things of thy Law:—ſo ſhall I not be confounded, while

I have reſpect unto all thy commandments.

SECTION III.

(22) THE Lord, even the moſt mighty God hath ſpoken; and called the world from the riſing up of the ſun, unto the going down thereof:—(23) Who in his ſtrength ſetteth faſt the mountains, and is girded about with power:—Who ſtilleth the raging of the ſea, the noiſe of his waves, and the madneſs of the people.—(24) Thou viſiteſt the earth, and bleſſeſt it; thou makeſt it very plenteous.—The river of

God is full of water; for ſo thou provideſt for the earth.—Thou watereſt her furrows; thou ſendeſt rain into the little vallies thereof; thou makeſt it ſoft with the drops of rain, and bleſſeſt the increaſe of it.—Thou crowneſt the year with thy goodneſs; and thy clouds drop fatneſs.—(26) O be joyful in God all ye lands, ſing praiſe unto the honour of his name; make his praiſe to be glorious.—(27) For he ſhall deliver the poor when he crieth, the needy alſo, and him that hath no helper.—He ſhall come down like the rain into a

fleece of wool, even as the drops that water the earth.—He ſhall be favourable to the ſimple and needy, and ſhall preſerve the ſouls of the poor.—He ſhall live; and unto him ſhall be given of the gold of Arabia; prayer ſhall be made ever unto him; and daily ſhall he be praiſed.—All kings ſhall fall down before him: all nations ſhall do him ſervice.—His name ſhall endure for ever; his name ſhall remain among the poſterities which ſhall be bleſſed through him: and all the heathen ſhall praiſe him.—(28) The ſame ſtone that the builders refuſed is

become the head ſtone of the corner.—This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. —All the world ſhall worſhip thee O Lord, ſing of thee and praiſe thy Name.—(29) Let thy loving mercy come alſo unto me O Lord, even thy ſalvation.—Let the free-will offerings of my mouth pleaſe thee, O Lord, and teach me thy ſtatutes.

SECTION IV.

(30) BLESSED be the Lord God, even the God who only doeth wondrous things;—

(31) who ſitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning :—(32) thou that makeſt the out-goings of the morning and evening to praiſe thee.—(33) Bleſſed are the people whoſe God is the Lord Jehovah; and whom he hath choſen unto himſelf to be his inheritance.—(34) And why? God is the judge; he putteth down one and ſetteth up another :—(35) the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himſelf.—(36) His ſalvation is nigh them that fear him :—mercy and truth are met together; righteouſneſs and peace have kiſſed each other.—(37) There is ſprung

up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladneſs for ſuch as are true-hearted.—(38) Truly God is loving to ſuch as are of a clean heart.—(39) Let heaven and earth praiſe him; the ſea, and all that moveth therein.—(40) They ſhall give thanks unto thy Name, which is great, wonderful, and holy.—(41) High and low, rich and poor, one with another, kiſs the Son, leſt he be angry, and ſo ye periſh from the right way: if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little, bleſſed are all they that put their truſt in him.

SECTION V.

(42) O LORD, how glorious are thy works! thy thoughts are very deep!—(43) Thou Lord, in the beginning haſt laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thine hands.—They ſhall periſh, but thou ſhalt endure, and they all ſhall wax old as doth a garment:—and as a veſture ſhalt thou change them, and they ſhall be changed; but thou art the ſame, and thy years ſhall not fail.—(44) The day is thine, the night alſo is thine; thou haſt prepared the light and the ſun. Thou haſt

ſet all the borders of the earth; thou haſt made ſummer and winter.—(45) Thy Name alſo is ſo nigh, and that do thy wondrous works declare.—(46) O Lord, the very heavens ſhall praiſe thy wondrous works; and thy truth in the congregation of the ſaints. —(47) The Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praiſed: he is more to be feared than all gods. —As for all the gods of the heathen they are but idols; but it is the Lord that made the heavens:—for who is God, but the Lord our God?—(48) Glory and worſhip are before him: power

and honour are in his ſanctuary. —(49) O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hoſts!— My ſoul hath a deſire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my fleſh rejoice in the living God.— (50) O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: bleſſed be God.—(51) Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name. —(52) O turn away mine eyes, leſt they behold vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.— Let ſuch as fear thee and have

known thy teſtimonies be turned unto me.—O let my heart be ſound in thy ſtatutes, that I be not aſhamed.

SECTION VI.

(53) LIFT up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlaſting doors, and the King of Glory ſhall come in!—Who is the King of Glory? even the Lord of Hoſts, he is the King of Glory.—(54) It is the Lord that commandeth the waters; it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.—(55) O Lord, how mani-

fold are thy Works; in wiſdom haſt thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches:—ſo is the great and wide ſea alſo.—(56) They that go down to the ſea in ſhips, and occupy their buſineſs in great waters; theſe men ſee the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep!—(57) Rejoice in his holy Name; let the heart of them rejoice that ſeek the Lord.—Seek the Lord and his ſtrength: ſeek his face evermore.—Remember the marvellous works that he hath done.—He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promiſe, that

he made to a thouſand generations.—(58) We will rejoice in thy ſalvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God.—(59) Who can expreſs the noble acts of the Lord, or ſhew forth all his praiſe!—(60) O magnify the Lord our God—and fall down before his footſtool, for he is holy.—(61) Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; for he cometh, to judge the earth, and with righteouſneſs to judge the world, and the people with his truth.—(62) Remember me O Lord, according to the favour that thou beareſt unto thine own people;

O viſit me with thy ſalvation.—That I may ſee the felicity of thy choſen, and rejoice with the gladneſs of thy people; and give thanks with thine inheritance.—(63) Thy teſtimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

SECTION VII.

(64) O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready, I will give praiſe,—(65) and thanks with my whole heart, ſecretly among the faithful and in the congrega-

tion.—(66) I will worſhip toward thy holy temple, and praiſe thy Name, becauſe of thy loving-kindneſs and truth; for thou haſt magnified thy Name, and thy Word above all things.—(67) The merciful and gracious Lord, has ſo done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.—He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he ſhall ever be mindful of his Covenant.—The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are true.—They ſtand faſt for ever and ever,—as the moon, and as the faithful witneſs

in heaven.—He ſent Redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his Covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his Name. —(68) O that men would therefore praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs; and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!—(69) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wiſdom; a good underſtanding have all they that do thereafter; the praiſe of it endureth for ever!

(70) Wherewithal ſhall a young man cleanſe his way? even by ruling himſelf after thy word.—With my whole heart

have I ſought thee; O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.—Thy words have I hid within my heart, that I ſhould not ſin againſt thee:—therefore I hate every evil way.—And I will walk at liberty, for I ſeek thy commandments.

SECTION VIII.

(71) THE Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's ſeat is in heaven:—(72) for I know that the Lord he is God; and that our Lord is above all gods.—Whatſoever the Lord pleaſed, that did he in heaven

and in earth, in the ſea, and in all deep places.—(73) The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to paſs.—(74) Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praiſe, for thy loving mercy, and for thy Truth's ſake. —(75) The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou giveſt them their meat in due ſeaſon. —Thou openeſt thine hand, and filleſt all things living with plenteouſneſs.—(76) When thy word goeth forth, it giveth light and underſtanding unto the ſimple.

—(77) Lift up your hands in the ſanctuary, and praiſe the Lord: —(78) for though the Lord be high, yet hath he reſpect unto the lowly.—(79) The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.—(80) The Lord is high, and to be feared; he is the great King.—(81) O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.—Let them that fear the Lord confeſs, that his mercy endureth for ever;—(82) whom the Lord hath redeemed and delivered:—(83) the bleſſed of the Lord, who made heaven, and

earth.—(84) Bleſſed is the man that feareth the Lord; he hath great delight in his commandments.—His ſeed ſhall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful ſhall be bleſſed:—for he ſhall never be moved; and the righteous ſhall be had in everlaſting remembrance.—(85) The merciful goodneſs of the Lord endureth for ever and ever, upon them that fear him, and his righteouſneſs upon children's children.—(86) The dead praiſe not thee, O Lord, neither all they that go down into ſilence; but we will praiſe the

Lord.—(87) What reward ſhall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits he hath done unto me?—I will receive the cup of ſalvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.—(88) I will have reſpect unto thy ways:—(89) for this God is our God for ever and ever; he ſhall be our guide unto death.

SECTION IX.

(90) I WILL magnify thee O God, my King.—Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praiſe thy Name.—Great is the Lord and marvellous; there is no end of his greatneſs.—One

generation ſhall praiſe thy works unto another; and declare thy power.—(91) O worſhip the Lord in the beauty of holineſs: let the whole earth ſtand in awe of him: —(92) who by his excellent wiſdom made the heavens; and laid out the earth above the waters; for his mercy endureth for ever. —Who hath made great lights; the ſun to rule the day, the moon and the ſtars to govern the night: for his mercy endureth for ever. —Who giveth food to all fleſh; for his mercy endureth for ever. —(93) God be merciful unto us, and bleſs us, and ſhew us the

the light of his countenance.—That thy ways may be known upon earth; thy ſaving health among all nations.—(93) Happy are the people that are in ſuch a caſe; yea bleſſed are the people who have the Lord for their God.—(94) Behold now praiſe the Lord, all ye ſervants of the Lord!—(95) As for me I will give great thanks unto the Lord, and praiſe him.—(96) Let my prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight as the incenſe; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening ſacrifice!—Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of

my lips.—O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in ungodly works.—(97) The Lord preſerveth all them that love him; but ſcattereth abroad all the ungodly.—My mouth ſhall ſpeak the praiſe of the Lord; and let all fleſh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECTION X.

(98) O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to ſing Praiſes unto our God; yea a joyful and pleaſant thing it is to be thankful.—(99) The heavens

are thine; the earth alſo is thine: —(100) They continue this day according to thine ordinance; for all things ſerve thee.—(101) They ſhew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.—(102) Great is our Lord, and great is his power, yea and his wiſdom is infinite. —(103) He appointed the moon for certain ſeaſons, and the ſun knoweth his going down.—(104) He telleth the number of the ſtars, and calleth them all by their names:—(105) Who covereth the heavens with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth;

and maketh the graſs to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the uſe of men.—Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him: the lions roaring after their prey, do ſeek their meat from God.—When thou giveſt it them, they gather it; when thou openeſt thine hand, they are filled with good.—The Lord ſetteth up the meek;—he healeth thoſe that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their ſickneſs.—(106) He hath remembered his mercy, and truth toward the houſe of Iſrael; and

all the ends of the world, have ſeen the ſalvation of our God. —(107) The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works.

(108) O praiſe God in his Holineſs; praiſe him in the firmament of his Power.—Praiſe him in his noble acts: praiſe him according to his excellent greatneſs.—(109) Praiſe him ſun and moon: praiſe him all ye ſtars, and light. —Praiſe him all ye heavens; and ye waters that are above the heavens.—Kings of the earth, and all people, young men and maidens, old men and children

praiſe the Name of the Lord; for his Name only is excellent; and his Praiſe above heaven and earth. Let every thing that hath breath, praiſe the Lord.

RECAPITULATION.

(1) WHO is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling ſo high, and yet humbleth himſelf to behold the things that are in HEAVEN, and earth!

(2) The Lord's delight is in them that FEAR him; and put their truſt in his MERCY: even ſuch as keep his COVENANT;

and think upon his COMMANDMENTS to DO them.

(3) The Lord ſhall endure for ever: he hath alſo prepared his ſeat for JUDGMENT: for he ſhall judge the world in righteouſneſs; and miniſter true judgment unto the people.

(4) Praiſed be the Lord daily; even the God that helpeth us, and poureth his Benefits upon us.

(5) O ſpeak good of the Lord all ye Works of his, in ALL places of his Dominion: praiſe thou the Lord, O MY SOUL, praiſe the Lord!

(6) WHOSO IS WISE WILL PONDER THESE THINGS; AND THEY SHALL UNDERSTAND THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD.

WHOLE PSALMS.

PSAL. VIII.

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world: thou that haſt ſet thy glory above the heavens!— Out of the mouth of very babes and ſucklings haſt thou ordained ſtrength, becauſe of thine ene-

mies: that thou mighteſt ſtill the enemy, and the avenger.—For I will conſider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the ſtars, which thou haſt ordained.—What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the ſon of man, that thou viſiteſt him?—Thou madeſt him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worſhip.—Thou makeſt him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou haſt put all things in ſubjection under his feet;—All ſheep and oxen: yea, and the beaſts of the field;—The fowls of

the air, and the fiſhes of the ſea: and whatſoever walketh through the paths of the ſeas.—O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

PSAL. XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament ſheweth his handy-work.—One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.—There is neither ſpeech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.—Their ſound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

—In them hath he ſet a taber-nacle for the ſun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his courſe.—It goeth forth from the uttermoſt part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat there-of.—The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the ſoul: the teſtimony of the Lord is ſure, and giveth wiſdom unto the ſimple.—The ſtatutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light un-

to the eyes.—The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.—More to be deſired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: ſweeter alſo than honey, and the honey-comb.—Moreover, by them is thy ſervant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.—Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanſe thou me from my ſecret faults.—Keep thy ſervant alſo from preſumptuous ſins, leſt they get the dominion over me: ſo ſhall I be undefiled, and innocent

from the great offence.—Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart: be alway acceptable in thy ſight,—O Lord, my ſtrength, and my redeemer.

PSAL. XLV.

MY heart is inditing of a good matter: I ſpeak of the things, which I have made unto the King.—My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.—Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, becauſe God hath bleſſed thee for ever.—Gird thee with thy ſword upon thy thigh, O thou moſt migh-

to the eyes.—The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.—More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.—Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.—Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.—Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall I be undefiled, and innocent

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ty: according to thy worſhip and renown.—Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, becauſe of the word of truth, of meekneſs, and righteouſneſs; and thy right hand ſhall teach thee terrible things.—Thy arrows are very ſharp, and the people ſhall be ſubdued unto thee: even in the midſt among the king's enemies.—Thy ſeat, O God, endureth for ever: the ſceptre of thy kingdom is a right ſceptre.—Thou haſt loved righteouſneſs, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladneſs

above thy fellows.—All thy garments ſmell of myrrh, aloes, and caſſia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.—Kings daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did ſtand the queen in a veſture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.—Hearken, O daughter, and conſider, incline thine ear: forget alſo thine own people, and thy father's houſe:—So ſhall the King have pleaſure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worſhip thou him.—And the daughter of Tyre ſhall be there with a

gift: like as the rich alſo among the people ſhall make their ſupplication before thee.—The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.—She ſhall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins that be her fellows, ſhall bear her company, and ſhall be brought unto thee.—With joy and gladneſs ſhall they be brought: and ſhall enter into the King's palace.—Inſtead of thy fathers thou ſhalt have children: whom thou mayeſt make princes in all lands.—I will remember thy Name from one generation to another:

therefore ſhall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

PSAL. XCV.

O COME, let us ſing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the ſtrength of our ſalvation.—Let us come before his preſence with thankſgiving: and ſhew ourſelves glad in him with pſalms.—For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.—In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the ſtrength of the hills is his alſo.—The ſea is his, and he made it: and his

hands prepared the dry land.—O come, let us worſhip and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.—For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his paſture, and the ſheep of his hand.

PSAL. C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: ſerve the Lord with gladneſs, and come before his preſence with a ſong.—Be ye ſure, that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourſelves: we are his people, and the ſheep of his

paſture.—O go your way into his gates with thankſgiving, and into his courts with praiſe: be thankful unto him, and ſpeak good of his Name.—For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlaſting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

O Lord, thou haſt ſearched me out, and known me: thou knoweſt my down-ſitting, and mine up-riſing; thou underſtandeſt my thoughts long be-

fore.—Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and ſpieſt out all my ways.—For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knoweſt it altogether.—Thou haſt faſhioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.—Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.—Whither ſhall I go then from thy Spirit? or whither ſhall I go then from thy preſence?—If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there al-

ſo.—If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermoſt parts of the ſea;—Even there alſo ſhall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand ſhall hold me. —If I ſay, Peradventure the darkneſs ſhall cover me: then ſhall my night be turned to day. —Yea, the darkneſs is no darkneſs with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkneſs and light to thee are both alike. —For my reins are thine: thou haſt covered me in my mother's womb.—I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and won-

derfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my ſoul knoweth right well.—My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made ſecretly, and faſhioned beneath in the earth.—Thine eyes did ſee my ſubſtance, yet being imperfect: and in thy book were all my members written;—Which day by day were faſhioned: when as yet there was none of them.—How dear are thy counſels unto me, O God: O how great is the ſum of them!—If I tell them, they are more in number than

the ſand: when I wake up, I am preſent with thee.—Try me, O God, and ſeek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts.—Look well if there be any way of wickedneſs in me: and lead me in the way everlaſting.

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